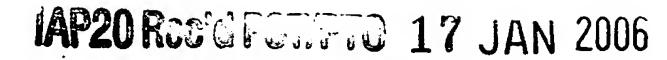
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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	10/564900				
NTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/US2004/022382 12 July 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 28 July 2003				
TITLE OF INVENTION METAL CONTAINERS HAVING AN EASILY OPENABLE END AND METH	OD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jeffrey Niederst					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/L	US) the following items and other information:				
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This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must				
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).					
x A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))					
a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. x has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
a. is attached hereto.					
b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
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8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PC	CT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).				
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11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	•				
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in complia	ance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.				
13. x A preliminary amendment.					
An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.					
15. A substitute specification.					
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.					
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